

**Ferry Conservation District Special Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
January 23, 2013**

Supervisors Present

Lee Hall, Chair
Dave Konz, Vice Chair
Patty McKern, Auditor via Phone

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, Staff
Gretchen Plate, Staff
Janine Koffel, WSU Extension
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Lee Hall called the meeting to order at 5.35 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: Dave Konz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the December 12,, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes and Treasurer/Accounts payable report. Patty McKern seconded. Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS

- Approval of Consent Agenda
- Approval to set March 27, 2013 as Election date
- Approval to Appoint Election Supervisor
- Approval to Pay RC&D Dues
- Approval for Reagan Cost Share
- Approval for Kinross Support letter
- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS: Patrice reported that she is working in 2013 EQIP projects and the ranking of each project is almost complete. She said she had 40 applications in Ferry County and some of the applications were carryovers from ongoing projects from last year. She mentioned that approximately half of the practices were with the Tribe. .

There is a new requirement for irrigation projects in place. Flow meters have become a requirement and also soil sensors need to be in place with irrigation practices.

She talked about the lack of a budget and how that is impacting hiring through NRCS and mentioned funding changes for NRCS practices.,

Janine Koffel, WSU Extension: Janine said Wild, Wonderful World is to be the theme for the 4-H Challenge this year and it will be a day camp at the Ferry County Fair Grounds, July 15th-18th, 2013 It will focus on students first grade through eighth grade and she is hoping to include all the schools within Ferry County. Dave Konz volunteered to help with the forestry aspect of the camp. She also mentioned she was hoping to work with the District through outreach programs.

Janine said that she is now the Ferry County representative for WSU Upper Columbia Forest Initiative

. **MANAGER'S REPORT: Lloyd Odell: Written Report:**. Lloyd advised the board the District had been notified that it was being audited for 2011. He said that is was fairly common with a change in administrative staff.

He mentioned he had been contacted by Joel Kretz to write a letter of support for Kinross Gold, LLC, as they want to expand their exploration efforts in finding more gold in the area. Patty McKern moved to provide a letter of support for Kinross. Dave Konz Seconded. Motion carried

Lloyd also said he was moving forward on the Meyers Creek property cleanup and gave a brief update on the SCIP project.

He presented the board with a cost Share project for Pat Regan. It is primarily a bank stabilization project with the total amount of the Cost Share being \$ 690.00 and the District's share of the project would be \$ 345.00. Patty McKern moved to support the Regan Cost Share project. Dave Konz Seconded. Motion Carried

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OLD BUSINESS: The update on the WACD Annual meeting was table until the February 27th regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board Pass a Resolution to set the March 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the District Elections. Patty McKern moved. Dave Konz Seconded. Motion Carried

2013 Payment for the Annual Dues for RC&D. Patty McKern moved to approve payment of the 2013 RC&D Annual Dues. Dave Konz Seconded. Motion Carried.

The District needed to appointment a 2013 Election Supervisor. Patty McKern moved to appoint Gretchen Plate as the 2013 Election Supervisor. Dave Konz Seconded. Motion Carried.

Lee Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 27th day of February, 2013.

APPROVED

Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor